AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the Claims

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claims 8-59 (withdrawn)

- 60. (new) A peptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of PIRRRKKLRRLK (SEQ ID NO:4); RRQRRTSKLMKR (SEQ ID NO:5); SRRKRQRSNMRI (SEQ ID NO:9); SFHQFARATLAS (SEQ ID NO:33); DPATNPGPHFPR (SEQ ID NO:58); and TLPSPLALLTVH (SEQ ID NO:59).
- 61. (new) The peptide of claim 1 wherein said peptide facilitates cellular internalization of a cargo linked thereto.
- 62. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is PIRRRKKLRRLK (SEQ ID NO:4).
- 63. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is RRQRRTSKLMKR (SEQ ID NO:5).
- 64. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is SRRKRQRSNMRI (SEQ ID NO:9).
- 65. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is SFHQFARATLAS (SEQ ID NO:33).
- 66. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is DPATNPGPHFPR (SEQ ID NO:58).

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67. (new) The peptide of claim 2 wherein the peptide is TLPSPLALLTVH (SEQ ID NO:59).

68. (new) The peptide of claim 1 wherein the peptide provides for nuclear translocation in a target cell.

Entry of the foregoing amendments into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the invention defined by the pending claims meets all the requirements for patentability. Thus, an early allowance is earnestly sought.

Applicants further believe that no fee is required for filing this response.

However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency by reason of this Response to Deposit Account No.02-4377.

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